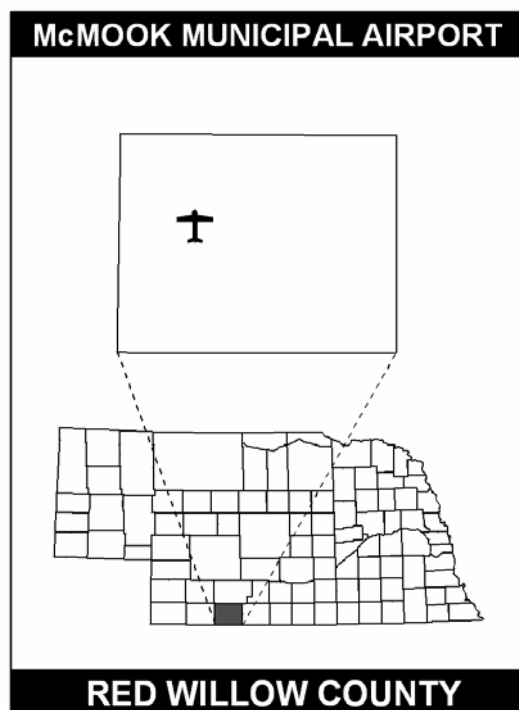


Airport Location

McCook Municipal Airport is located two miles east of McCook, Nebraska, in Red Willow County. McCook has a population of 7,769. The 667-acre airport opened in 1945. The primary runway, Runway 12/30, is a concrete surface measuring 6,449 feet in length and 100 feet in width. Major employers in the community include the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad, Community Hospital, Dayco Products, LLC, Hillcrest Nursing Home, Kugler Oil Company, Burns Podiatric Laboratory, McCook Public Schools, Valmont Irrigation, and Walmart Supercenter. Local attractions include Red Willow State Recreation Area, Museum of the High Plains, and the Senator Norris State Historic Site.

The airport, with 25 based aircraft, experiences approximately 17,800 aircraft operations annually.

**Economic Impact**

Economic impacts at an airport are measured through employment, payroll, and output (spending). On-airport business and government activities (direct impacts) account for a significant portion of an airport's first round economic benefits. Additional first round benefits are also

linked to visitors who arrive via the State's system of airports (indirect impacts). Spending by these visitors supports additional employment and associated annual payroll. These first round impacts create additional spin-off benefits that ripple through the economy. The secondary or induced benefits were measured with Nebraska-specific IMPLAN multipliers. When combined, first round and secondary benefits equal the total economic impact associated with each airport.

First Round Impact

In 2002, there were six aviation-related tenants on the airport who supported 16 employees. These tenants' first round or direct employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from all on-airport aviation-related tenants is estimated at \$5.28 million annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$535,000. Visitors using commercial airlines also create economic impacts. Survey data indicated that approximately 860 visitors arrived via McCook Municipal Airport in 2002. Commercial airline visitor-related output (spending) supported an additional 12 full-time jobs for employees earning \$200,400 annually. Output from commercial airline visitors is estimated at \$368,200. Operational data indicated that approximately 4,900 general aviation visitors used the airport in 2002. This visitor-related output (spending) supported an additional 10 full-time jobs with a total annual payroll of \$167,000. Output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$264,600.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants, commercial airline visitors, and general aviation visitors also create secondary impacts throughout the State. Secondary impacts are induced impacts calculated using the Nebraska specific IMPLAN multipliers. The accompanying table presents the 2002 direct, secondary, and total impacts for output, payroll, and employment as they relate to on-airport tenants, commercial airline visitors, and general aviation visitors

Total Impact

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from all on-airport tenants and all commercial airline and general aviation visitors to McCook Municipal Airport was approximately \$8.91 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and all visitors is estimated at approximately 57 persons. A total annual payroll of approximately \$1.28 million is associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, McCook Municipal Airport provides a number of services to the local community. The airport has daily scheduled commercial air service on Great Lakes Airlines to Denver. This is a significant benefit to the community, providing businesses and residents with access to the nation's air transportation system. The airport also welcomes many recreational and corporate aircraft. The airport is served by a UPS contract carrier, which has daily deliveries to the airport. The airport is used as a base by aerial application services during the growing season. The airport is also important to the community in terms of access to the region's health care system.

A survey of over 100 hospitals in Nebraska gathered data to obtain information relating to how often hospitals use airports in Nebraska to bring specialists from out of the area, as well as how often airports are used for patient transfer. Survey data indicated Community Hospital uses the airport on average 79 times a year to bring doctors and specialists to the hospital to conduct clinics. These doctors fly in from North Platte, Hastings, and Lincoln. In addition, the hospital uses aircraft 11 times per year for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance. The facility ranks in the top tier of Nebraska Airports in terms of medical-related aircraft operations.

Summary

On an annual basis, McCook Municipal Airport currently provides the following total benefits:

McCook Municipal			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	16	11	27
GA Visitors	10	3	13
CA Visitors	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>
Total	38	19	57
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$535,000	\$245,900	\$780,900
GA Visitors	\$167,000	\$48,400	\$215,400
CA Visitors	<u>\$200,400</u>	<u>\$80,200</u>	<u>\$280,600</u>
Total	\$902,400	\$374,500	\$1,276,900
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$5,281,600	\$2,607,800	\$7,889,400
GA Visitors	\$264,600	\$160,700	\$425,300
CA Visitors	<u>\$368,200</u>	<u>\$222,600</u>	<u>\$590,800</u>
Total	\$5,914,400	\$2,991,100	\$8,905,500

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

In a year's time, capital improvement-related construction spending at airports in Nebraska typically produce the following impacts:

Construction Impacts - Per \$100,000 in CIP Spending			
	First-Round Impact	Secondary Impact	Total Impact
Employment	1.8	2.3	4.1
Payroll	\$55,264	\$41,206	\$96,470
Output	\$100,000	\$70,250	\$170,250

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. & IMPLAN multipliers